

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)  
U.S. Appln. No. 09/864,259

### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 23-30, 32, 38, 40, 41 and 43-51 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 23-30 are withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. By way of this Amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 39 and 42 and adding claims 44-51. Claims 32, 38, 40, 41 and 43 are allowed.

Applicant respectfully submits that in addition to allowed claims 32, 38, 40, 41 and 43, new claims 44-51 are patentable over the prior art. Examination on the merits is kindly requested for claims 44-51.

### ***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims **23-30, 32 38, 40, 41, 41 and 43-51**, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

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